DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: The hon. Minister has not paid attention to this question. Even Taj was closed. We do not know why it was closed and for how many days and what its impact was on the foreign tourists Even though tourists' year has begun, the foreign tourist groups are cancelling their tours and all the hotels are lying vacant. There is no security provided to the tourists. I want to know how has the Government failed even to make Taj a place for tourists' visit.

श्री सभापति : ये कह रहे हैं कि टूरिस्टों के लिए अच्छा इंतजाम कर दीजिए आप सिक्योरिटी का।

श्रीमती ऊषा सिंह : माननीय सभापति महोदय, पिछले समय में आगरा में होटल के सामने कम्युनल रायट्स हुए जिसके कारण होटल को बंद करना पड़ा तीन-चार दिनों के लिए और आए दिन वहां पर लॉ एण्ड आर्डर प्राब्लम हो जाती है लेकिन मैं माननीय सदस्य की भावना की कद्र करते हुए इसका प्रबंध कराऊंगी कि वहां पर पूरी सिक्योरिटी रहे।

DR' G VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: South is being neglected. What does the Government propose to do to utilise the total potential from the South, because South has a great potential for tourism?

श्री देवी लाल : जहां तक साउथ का ताल्लुक है, मैं आनरेबल मेंबर से दरख्वास्त करूंगा कि वे कोई खास प्रपोजल लाएं, हम उसे मंजूर करने को तैयार हैं।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Import of Palmolein and Coconut oil

*124. SHRI N. E BALARAM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to reduce the import of Palmolein and also to start the import of coconut oil;

(b) if so, what are the details of the total quantum of Palmolein imported during the year 1990; and

(c) the details of the agreement made for the import of Palmolein and the agreement being made for the import of coconut oil alongwith the names of the countries from which it is proposed to be imported alongwith its expected price?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The quantity of Palmolein imported is decided by Govt. from year to year. Palmolein constitutes the only Edible Oil imported during the calendar year 1990 and a total quantity of about 5 64 lakh tonnes was imported Import of any other Edible Oil at competitive prices is not ruled out.

(c) Purchases of Edible Oils are finalised by the canalising agency, the State Trading Corporation of India Limited, by inviting tenders from international suppliers. A quanity of 6,000 tonnes of crude Coconut Oil has been accordingly purchased by STC at US dollar 344 per tonne CIF for shipment in January, 1991, of Philippines/Indonesian origin.

Coconut as an oilseed

*125 SHRI V. GOPALSAMY.
SHRI R GANESAN alias
Misa R. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have declared Coconut as an oilseed; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) what steps have been initiated to help the Coconut growers;

(c) whether any subsidies have been announced; if so, when and the details thereof; and

(d) if the answer to parts (b) and (c) above are in the negative, the reasons therefor?

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